

# ANTELOPE VALLEY CONNECTION

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Antelope Valley  
Community Guide 2009



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## Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles

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### Dear Friends,

The County of Los Angeles is pleased to offer the 2009 edition of this vital resource guide highlighting valuable information and local updates for our Antelope Valley residents. This annual publication is written for your community to connect you to local and regional County services, arts and recreation, community organizations, and important public safety information.

We hope this guide is helpful to you and encourage you to save it for future reference. If you have any comments or suggestions, please write to us at:

County of Los Angeles – Chief Executive Office  
Office of Unincorporated Area Services  
723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Or please e-mail your comments to: [uas@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:uas@ceo.lacounty.gov)

Thank you!

### Living in Unincorporated Antelope Valley

Los Angeles County provides municipal services such as law enforcement, firefighting, road maintenance, parks, zoning, building permits, and animal care and control.

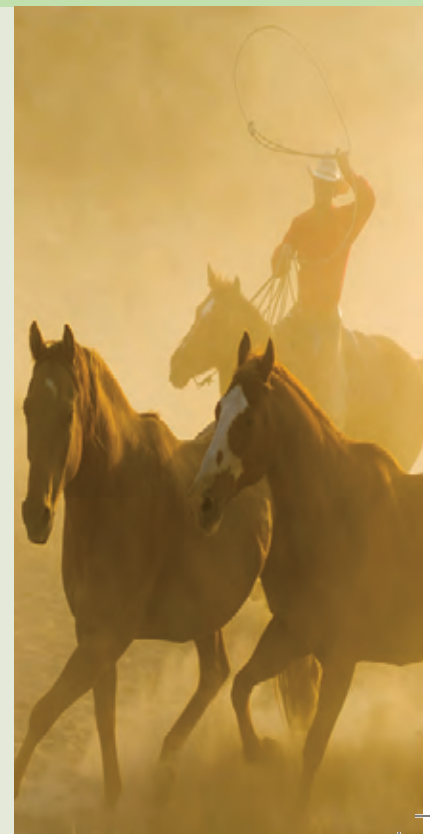
You are represented by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors which is responsible for establishing policies and regulations that benefit you and your fellow Antelope Valley residents.

The contact information for your local field deputy can be found on page 2.

In addition, there are Town Councils in the Antelope Valley consisting of residents who provide input and make recommendations to your elected County officials. A list of Town Councils in the Antelope Valley can be found on page 2.



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# Living In Antelope Valley

## Town Councils in the Antelope Valley

Twelve town councils have been established in the Antelope Valley to be your local forum to voice community concerns. These organizations consist of volunteers who hear input from local residents and make recommendations to your elected County officials and County staff.

### Association of Rural Town Councils

P.O. Box 358  
Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:  
Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
North County Training Center (Fire Station 129)  
42110 N. 6th Street West, Lancaster

### Acton

P.O. Box 810  
Acton, CA 93510

[www.cityofacton.org/council.htm](http://www.cityofacton.org/council.htm)

Public Meetings:  
1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m.  
Acton Community Center – 3742 Nickels St.

### Antelope Acres

P.O. Box 8176  
Lancaster, CA 93539

Public Meetings:  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
Antelope Acres Community Center – 8812 West Avenue E-8  
47707 N. 90th Street West

### Green Valley

P.O. Box 846  
Green Valley, CA 91350

[www.geocities.com/GreenValleyReporter](http://www.geocities.com/GreenValleyReporter)

Public Meetings:  
2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Green Valley Community Center – 39118 Calle Bonita

### Juniper Hills

P.O. Box 633  
Littlerock, CA 93543

[www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhtc](http://www.juniperhills-ca.org/jhtc)

Public Meetings:  
1st Wednesday of even months at 7:00 p.m.  
Juniper Hills Community Center – 31401 106th St. E

### Lake Los Angeles

P.O. Box 500012  
Palmdale, CA 93591

Public Meetings:  
4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Vista San Gabriel Elementary School  
18020 East Avenue O

### Lakes

P.O. Box 784  
Lake Hughes, CA 93532

Public Meetings:  
1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m.  
Lake Hughes Community Ctr. - 17520 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

## Los Angeles County is here to serve you!

The Board of Supervisors designates deputies to represent your community. The Antelope Valley is part of the County's **Fifth Supervisorial District**.

Your local Field Deputy can be contacted at:

### Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**Antelope Valley Field Office**  
1113 West Avenue M-4, Suite A  
Palmdale, CA 93551  
**(661) 726-3600**  
[fifthdistrict@lacbos.org](mailto:fifthdistrict@lacbos.org)

### Leona Valley

P.O. Box 795  
Leona Valley, CA 93551  
<http://leonavalleytowncouncil.org>

Public Meetings:  
2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.  
Leona Valley Community Ctr - 8367 Elizabeth Lake Rd.

### Littlerock

P.O. Box 190  
Littlerock, CA 93543  
[www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Council.htm](http://www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Council.htm)

Public Meetings:  
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
Alpine Grange Hall - 8650 East Avenue T-8

### Quartz Hill

42263 N. 50th Street West, #726  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
<http://qhvc.av.org>

Public Meetings:  
3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
Lane Park Community Room - 5520 West Avenue L - 8

### Roosevelt (including Redman and Hi Vista)

48157 70th Street East  
Lancaster, CA 93535

Public Meetings:  
For meeting information, please check for notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Town Council President, Barbara Firsick at **(661) 946-1323**

### Sun Village

P.O. Box 466  
Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Meetings:  
4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.  
The Shaw Building - 9657 East Avenue Q-10, Littlerock

### Three Points/Liebre Mountain

P.O. Box 617  
Lake Hughes, CA 93532

Public Meetings:  
2nd Saturday of every other month at 9:30 a.m.  
For meeting information, please check for notices in the Antelope Valley Press or call Chris Wangsgard at **(661) 724-7871**.



## Antelope Valley Chambers of Commerce

### Acton

P.O. Box 81  
Acton, CA 93510  
Telephone: (661) 269-5785  
Fax: (661) 269-4121  
[www.actoncoc.org](http://www.actoncoc.org)

**Antelope Valley (Lancaster)**  
554 West Lancaster Boulevard  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
Telephone: (661) 948-4518  
Fax: (661) 949-1212  
[www.avchambers.com](http://www.avchambers.com)

**AV Black Chamber of Commerce**  
P.O. Box 8805  
Lancaster, CA 93539  
Telephone: (661) 946-8780  
[www.avbcc.com](http://www.avbcc.com)

**AV Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**  
819 East Avenue Q-9  
Palmdale, CA 93550  
Telephone: (661) 538-0607  
Fax: (661) 538-1057  
[www.avhispanicchamber.com](http://www.avhispanicchamber.com)

**Lake Los Angeles**  
P.O. Box 500071  
Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591  
Telephone: (661) 264-2786  
Fax: (661) 264-4310  
[www.lakelachamber.org](http://www.lakelachamber.org)

**Little Rock**  
P.O. Box 326  
Little Rock, CA 93543  
Telephone: (661) 944-6990  
[www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Chamber.htm](http://www.littlerock-ca.us/Littlerock%20Chamber.htm)

**Palmdale**  
817 East Avenue Q-9  
Palmdale, CA 93550  
Telephone: (661) 273-3232  
Fax: (661) 273-8508  
[www.palmdalechamber.org](http://www.palmdalechamber.org)

**Pearblossom**  
P.O. Box 591  
Pearblossom, CA 93553  
Telephone: (661) 944-2564

**Quartz Hill**  
42043 50th Street West  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
Telephone: (661) 722-4811  
Fax: (661) 722-5935  
[www.quartzhillchamber.org](http://www.quartzhillchamber.org)

**Sun Village**  
P.O. Box 151  
Sun Village, CA 93543  
Telephone: (661) 944-2341  
Fax: (661) 944-6934

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# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## Photos from Los Angeles County Parks on Flickr

Want to see beautiful pictures of Los Angeles County Parks? Now you can find them on the photo sharing website, Flickr, where the Department of Parks and Recreation recently launched an official Flickr account. Parks and Recreation will showcase professional and amateur photographs by both Department employees and park visitors. With virtually every sport and recreational activity available through the County, there will be no shortage of subject matter. Additionally, some photos will be available for printing via the Los Angeles County Parks Foundation website, and some will be offered to the public for download and use with Creative Commons licensing. Photos will be posted regularly, and eventually every County park will be featured. Visit the new Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Flickr page and subscribe to our photostream at [www.flickr.com/photos/lacountyparks](http://www.flickr.com/photos/lacountyparks).



### Jackie Robinson Park

8773 East Avenue R  
Littlerock, CA 93543  
(661) 944-2880  
Gymnasium  
(661) 944-6603  
Fax  
(661) 944-0413

**Hours:** Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 12:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Dedicated in 1965 and named after baseball great Jackie Robinson, this 9.24-acre park is host to an annual Juneteenth (Emancipation Day) celebration that attracts thousands of community members; USA Amateur Boxing events; a community health fair; and many other special events and programs. Amenities include a community building, gymnasium, workout room, computer lab, multi-purpose classrooms, and kitchen. As a result of the Urban Reforestation Project, 25 new trees were recently planted at the park.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### After School Adventure Camp

September through June  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$12/year

6 - 15 years  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### BFK Kenpo Karate Class

Tuesdays and Fridays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$20/month  
Uniform and belts not included

5 years and up  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Boxing (Boys & Girls)

Monday through Friday (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

8 - 18 years  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Cheerleading and Dance Squad

Wednesdays and Fridays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$25/year

6 - 17 years  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Drum Corps

Mondays and Wednesdays (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

6 - 18 years  
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

### Sheriff's Youth Activity League

Call Deputy Oates at the  
park for more information.

Boys and girls from  
5th - 12th grade can  
sign up for youth  
basketball, field trips,  
and other activities.

### Summer Lunch Program

July 7, 2009 - August 28, 2009  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: No charge

18 years and under  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Toy Loan Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

5 - 12 years  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### USDA Snack Program

Monday through Friday (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

18 years and under  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Youth Coed Basketball League

Saturdays  
Registration  
November 7, 2009 through January 8, 2010  
Season begins: January 9, 2010  
Fee: \$40.00/child/season includes uniform,  
trophy and pictures. Discount for multi-child  
families For updates, please contact the park.

7 - 15 years  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Youth Coed T-Ball / Softball League

Dates TBA, Saturdays  
Fee: \$45.00/child  
For updates, please contact the park.

5 - 15 years  
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## Jackie Robinson Park - continued

### ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

**All-Purpose Fitness and Exercise Class** 7 years and up  
Monday through Friday (Year Round) 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Fee: No charge

**Boxing and Fitness Workout** 18 - 38 years  
Monday through Friday (Year Round) 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Fee: No charge

**Coed Adult Recreational Volleyball** 17 years and up  
Fridays (Year Round) 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Fee: No charge

**Sun Village Jolly Seniors** 55 years and up  
September 2009 - June 2010 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
1st Tuesday of the month  
Fee: No charge

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Juneteenth Three-Day Celebration and Tailgate Party	All Ages	Friday-Sunday, June 19-21, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Donations Welcome
Gospel Feast	All Ages	Saturday, September 12, 2009	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Donations Welcome
Christmas Toy Give Away	2 -14 years	Saturday, December 12, 2009	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	No Charge
Bunny Mania Extravaganza	2 -12 years	April 2010	12:00 p.m.	No Charge

## Pearblossom Park

33922 North 121st Street East  
Pearblossom, CA 93553  
(661) 944-2988  
fax: (661) 944-1029

**Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Holidays: 12:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Amenities at the park include a small community room, basketball court, lighted softball diamond, children's play area with a climbing rock, and a patio with an outdoor stage. Under the Urban Reforestation Project, 10 new trees have recently been added to the park.



### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**ABC Pre-School** 3 - 5 years  
August 17, 2009 through June 10, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
Fee: No charge

**After School Drop-In** 5 -12 years  
August 2009 through June 2010 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$1/day

**B.K.F. Kenpo Karate Class** 5 years and up  
Dates TBA 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Mondays and Thursdays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$20/month  
Uniform and belts not included

**Cheerleading** 6 - 12 years  
July 2009 through February 2010 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$45 Registration

**Holiday Camp** 5 - 12 years  
December 14, 2009 through January 8, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday, except 12/25 & 1/1  
Fee: \$25/week

**Kreative Korner** 3 - 5 years  
August 2009 through June 2010 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Monday through Thursday  
Fee: \$30/3 months

**Recycling & Graffiti Removal** 12 years and up  
1st and last Friday of the month (Year Round) 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Fee: No charge 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Summer Day Camp** 6 - 13 years  
June 15, 2009 through August 7, 2009 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$35/week: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
\$45/week: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## Pearblossom Park - continued



### YOUTH PROGRAMS CONT.

#### Summer Lunch Program

July 6, 2009 through August 7, 2009  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: No charge

18 years and under  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Youth Coed Summer Softball

August 1, 2009 through January 2010  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Fee: \$40/season

8 - 16 years  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Teen Scene

Monday through Friday (Year Round)  
Saturdays (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

13 - 18 years  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
11:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Youth Coed Summer Soccer

July 13, 2009 through September 2, 2009  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
Fee: \$50/season

5 - 15 years  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Toy Loan

Monday and Wednesday (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

5 - 12 years  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Youth Coed Wrestling

January 2010 through June 2010  
Wednesdays and Fridays  
Fee: \$25/month

8 - 16 years  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### ADULT / SENIOR PROGRAMS

#### Fitness Club

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
(Year Round)  
Fee: \$5/week

18 years and up  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Youth Skate-off	8-17 years	Saturday, July 18, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	\$1/entry
Movie Night	All Ages	Friday, July 24, 2009 Friday, August 14, 2009	5:00 p.m.	\$5/person
Halloween Spook-tacular House	3 -16 years	Friday, October 30, 2009	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	\$1/person
Thanksgiving Feast Celebration	3 - 5 years	Tuesday, November 24, 2009	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	No charge
Winter Wonderland	5 years and up	Saturday, December 19, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	No charge
Black History Month Celebration	All Ages	February 2010 Date TBA	Time TBA	No charge
Easter Egg-Stravaganza	14 years and under	April 2010 Date TBA	Time TBA	No charge



# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## George Lane Park

5520 West Avenue L-8  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536  
**(661) 722-7780**  
Gymnasium: **(661) 943-7181**  
Fax: **(661) 718-0957**

**Hours:** Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This 15-acre park, dedicated in 1961 and named after local farmer and hauler George Lane, known for his 20-mule teams, has amenities that include a community building, picnic areas, gymnasium, and swimming pool. It has a Memorial Wall, dedicated on September 11, 2006, which honors police officers, fire fighters, and those who serve in the military. This year, 20 new trees were added to the park as part of the Urban Reforestation Project.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### After School Program

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
September through June  
Fee: \$30/month

6 - 13 years  
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### BFK Kenpo Karate Class

Wednesdays (Year Round)  
Saturdays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$20/month  
Uniform and belts not included  
For information, contact Mr. Jones at **(661) 878-0729**

5 - 17 years  
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

### Computer Class

Thursdays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$20/month

6 - 17 years  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Culinary Arts

Level 1 Fridays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$40/8-week session  
Level 2 Tuesdays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$60/8-week session

8 - 16 years  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Guerra Fencing Studio

Wednesdays (Year Round)  
Fridays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$60/month (one day per week)

6 - 18 years  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Pre-School Program

Monday through Friday (Year Round)  
Fee: \$185/11-week session

3 - 5 years  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Spring Day Camp

Dates TBA  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$50/week  
Extended Day Camp  
Fee \$20/week

5 - 13 years  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Summer Day Camp

June through August, exact dates TBA  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$50/week  
Extended Day Camp  
Fee: \$20/week

5 - 13 years  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Winter Day Camp

TBA  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$50/week  
Extended Day Camp  
Fee: \$20/week

5 - 13 years  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Young Champions Self-Defense Class

Thursdays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$90/3-month session

5 - 15 years  
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Youth Coed Summer Basketball League

June through August, exact dates TBA  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$35/season

5 - 18 years  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Youth Coed Winter Basketball League

Dates TBA  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$60/season

5 - 18 years  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Youth Coed Wrestling

Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round)  
Fee: \$12/month or \$30/3 months plus  
\$30 for USA card

4 - 17 years  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## George Lane Park - continued

### ADULT PROGRAMS

<b>Adult Computer Class</b> Wednesdays and Fridays (Year Round) Fee: \$20/month	18 years and up 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	<b>Tae-Bo for the Average Joe</b> Mondays and Wednesdays (Year Round) Fee: No charge	14 years and up 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
<b>Ballroom Dancing Class</b> Saturdays (Year Round) Fee: TBA Renowned instructor Wiley Simpson teaches ballroom and Latin dances	16 years and up 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Walking Club</b> Daily (Year Round) Fee: No charge Check-in with Claudia or Leah	14 years and up 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
<b>Indoor Coed Soccer</b> Dates TBA Fee: \$300/team \$40/individual For updates, contact Leah at (661) 609-5905	18 years and up 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	<b>Women's Self-Defense Class</b> Saturdays (Year Round) Fee: \$20/month	16 years and up 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
September 11th Remembrance	All Ages	Friday, September 11, 2009	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	No Charge
Halloween Carnival	12 years and under	Saturday, October 31, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	No Charge
Santa Toy Give-Away	12 years and under	Saturday, December 19, 2009	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	No Charge
Black History Month Celebration	All Ages	February 2010, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge
Almond Blossom Festival	All Ages	March 2010, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge
Easter Egg Hunt	12 years and under	April 2010, Date TBA	Time TBA	No Charge

## George Lane Park Pool (661) 943-2000

The pool is open mid-June to Labor Day; hours may vary depending on circumstances. For more information, please call (661) 943-2000 or the North Agency Aquatics Office 661) 294-3532.



### POOL PROGRAMS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Dive Team	7 - 18 years	Monday through Friday	12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	No Charge
Family Night	All Ages	1st three Saturdays of the month	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No Charge
Lap Swim	7 years and up	Daily	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. 6:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No Charge
Recreational Swimming	All Ages	Daily (Children 7 years and under must be accompanied by a parent)	12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	No Charge
Swim Lessons	All Ages	Monday through Friday 40-minute classes	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	No Charge
Swim Team	Swim Team	Monday through Friday	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	No Charge
Teen Night	13 - 18 years	4th Saturday of the month	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No Charge



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## Stephen Sorensen Park

16801 East Avenue P  
Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591  
(661) 264-1249  
Fax: (661) 264-9827

**Hours:** Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - Sunset

Stephen Sorensen Park is a local community park with lighted basketball courts, a multi-use sports field, and a lighted baseball diamond. Through the Urban Reforestation Project, 20 new trees have recently been planted. Plans continue to be developed on groundbreaking for a new gymnasium with classrooms wired for computer learning, a kitchen, and classrooms. Other improvements will include security lighting, walkways, landscaping, irrigation, and additional parking.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### After School Program

September through June  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$30/school year

6 - 14 years  
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Toddler Camp

Tuesday through Thursday (Year Round)  
Fee: \$50/16-week session

3 - 5 years  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### After School Snack Program

September through June  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: No charge

18 years and under  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Toy Loan Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays (Year Round)  
Fee: No charge

12 years and under  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Summer Camp

June 1, 2009 through July 31, 2009  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: \$25/week/child

5 - 12 years  
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Winter Holiday Camp

December 22, 2009 through January 13, 2010  
Monday through Friday, except 12/25  
Fee: \$15/week/child and  
\$10/child for 3 or more children

6 - 12 years  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Summer Lunch Program

July 6, 2009 - August 7, 2009  
Monday through Friday  
Fee: No charge

18 years and under  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Youth Coed Flag Football

Dates and times TBA  
Fee: \$40/per child

6 - 15 years

### Youth Coed Winter Basketball

Dates TBA  
Fee: \$45/child (discount for multiple-child families)

5 - 15 years

## ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

### Adult Coed Spring Softball

Dates and times TBA  
Minimum of 10 games plus playoffs.  
Limited space available.  
League Fee: \$330 due at Manager's Meeting (Late Fee \$25)  
Umpire Fee: \$13/team/game

18 years and up

### Adult Coed Winter Softball

October 2009 through February 2010  
Dates TBA  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
League Fee: \$330/team at Manager's Meeting (Late Fee \$25)  
Umpire Fee: \$13/team/game

18 years and up  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### Lights, Camera, Action! Movie Night

4th Friday of the month  
June 2009 through September 2009  
Fee: \$1/family/night

All Ages  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## Stephen Sorensen Park - continued

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Chili Cook-off	All Ages	Saturday, June 13, 2009 (Cooking kicks off at 10:00 a.m. sharp!)	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	\$20/cooking entry
Animal Vaccination Day	All Ages	Saturday, June 20, 2009	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	\$5/vaccination
White Elephant Sale	All Ages	Saturday, August 15, 2009	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	No charge \$15/space rental
Battle of the Bands	All Ages	Saturday, August 29, 2009	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	\$20/band registration
Patriotic Day	All Ages	Friday, September 11, 2009. Memory of fallen soldiers candle-lighting ceremony	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	No charge
Lake LA Days	All Ages	Saturday and Sunday September 12 & 13, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No charge
Low-Rider Show	All Ages	Saturday, September 26, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	No charge
Trunk or Treat	18 years and under	Friday, October 30, 2009	5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	No charge
Thanksgiving Event	6 - 14 years	Saturday, November 21, 2009	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	No charge
Visit with Santa	17 years and under	Saturday, December 19, 2009	2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Pictures \$5
Easter Egg Hunt	8 years and under	April 2010, Date TBA	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	No charge
Craft & Miscellaneous Sale	All Ages	Saturday, May 15, 2010	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	No charge

## Apollo Community Regional Park

4555 West Avenue G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

**(661) 940-7701**

**(661) 294-3500**

Or for more information, call the  
North Agency Headquarters,  
at **(661) 294-3500**

**Hours:** Daily, Sunrise to Sunset  
The park is closed one week prior  
to Fishing Derby events.

Amenities include picnic areas, a bike path, restrooms, three playgrounds and a lake stocked for fishing. A California fishing license is required for anyone 16 years and older. This past year, 60 new trees were added at the park under the Urban Reforestation Project.



### FISHING EVENTS Fishing License Required

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Fall Adult Fishing Derby	16 years and up	Saturday, November 7, 2009	7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Call for fees
Spring Adult Fishing Derby	16 years and up	Saturday, March 6, 2010	7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Call for fees



# Antelope Valley's Local County Parks

## Everett Martin Park

35548 N. 92nd Street East  
Littleton, CA 93543  
(661) 944-2880

Everett Martin Park has amenities that include three play areas, a newly-surfaced basketball court, a picnic area, comfort stations, and security lighting. Planning is underway to add shade structures over playground equipment. With the assistance of the Urban Reforestation Project, 18 new trees were planted in the park this past year.

**Hours:** Daily, Sunrise to Sunset



### SPECIAL EVENTS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Bunny Mania Extravaganza	2 - 12 years	Saturday, March 20, 2010	12:00 p.m.	No Charge
Health/Arts & Crafts Fair	All Ages	May 2010, TBA	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	No Charge

## Everett Martin Park Pool

(661) 944-1449

The Everett Martin Park Pool is scheduled to be open from mid-June to the end of August. For information on schedules and fees, please call the pool or the North Agency Aquatics Office at (661) 294-3533.

### POOL PROGRAMS

Program	Age Range	Date	Time	Fee
Adult Lap Swim	18 years and up	Daily	6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	\$25/month or \$7/week
Dive Team	7 - 18 years	Monday through Friday	12:00 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.	TBD
Recreational Swimming	All Ages	Daily	12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	No Charge
Children 7 years and under must be accompanied by a parent.				
Swim Lessons	All Ages	Monday through Friday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 40-minute classes	TBD
Swim Team	7 - 18 years	Monday through Friday	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	TBD

## Acton Park

3751 Syracuse Avenue  
Acton, CA 93510  
(661) 294-3500  
(North Agency Headquarters)

**Hours:** Daily, Sunrise to Sunset



Acton Park's amenities include picnic tables, restrooms, playground area, and a ball field. Construction was completed in 2008 and included the installation of a second ballfield, a basketball court, gazebo, additional turf areas, sidewalks, and landscaping.

Planning is underway to add shade structures to playground equipment. For information on park activities, please call (661) 294-3500.



# Recreational Opportunities

## Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area and Nature Center

28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road  
Pearblossom, CA 93553

(661) 944-2743

Fax: (661) 944-6924

[www.devils-punchbowl.com](http://www.devils-punchbowl.com)

### Park Hours: Nature Center Hours:

Daily, Sunrise to Sunset

Monday – Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed Christmas Day

The "Devil's Punchbowl" is one of the most spectacular geologic formations in California. Opened in December of 1963, the Punchbowl consists of 1,310 acres of rugged wilderness and rock formations that include a formation called the "Devil's Chair", a 250 foot drop-off, and great panoramic views.

## Devil's Punchbowl Nature Center

The Nature Center is designed to assist you in learning more about the flora, fauna, and the geological features of the park.



## Activities and Programs

### Full Moon Hikes

Saturday, June 6, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 3, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 5, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 3, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 28, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 2, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

### Meteor Shower Programs

All meteor shower programs begin at 9:00 p.m.

Perseids – Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Orionids – Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Leonids – Tuesday November 17, 2009

Geminids – Sunday December 13, 2009

### Telescope Programs

Come join us for an evening of night sky viewing with our 11" telescope. See planets, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies, and more!

Saturday, May 23, 2009 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 20, 2009 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 18, 2009 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 22, 2009 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14, 2009 – 8:00 p.m.



## San Andreas Fault Tour

Sundays, 1:00 p.m.

A guided tour of the local section of the San Andreas Fault. We will caravan to the fault from the Nature Center and the historical aspects of the fault, predictions of future earthquakes, and the general geology of California will be covered in an informal discussion format.



## John “Jack” Farley Photographer and Wood Carver

The Regional Park Superintendent for the Wildlife and Wildflower sanctuaries, John “Jack” Farley, is an accomplished photographer and talented wood carver. He has been a dedicated member of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation since 1975 and is currently working at Devil's Punchbowl Natural Area.

Farley is an accomplished photographer who started about 31 years ago after he bought his first professional Canon camera. At Devil's Punchbowl, Farley has taken slides, film, and digital photos of all types of wildlife and scenes from nature, from snakes and foxes to sunsets and scenery. His photography work has been featured in each Antelope Valley Connection as well as Sunset magazine and a local Antelope Valley phonebook.

Farley is also a skilled wood carver who started carving wood prior to joining the County. He has won first place in the wood carving category at the Antelope Valley Fair. Farley finds unique wood pieces and carves faces into them as well as animal figures, such as bears, bobcats, and owls. He says, “I enjoy the outdoors very much at our parks and have always admired the trees dead or alive, and when I would find a weathered piece of wood, and carved into it, I believe it would actually bring it back to life.”



## Littlerock Dam and Recreational Area

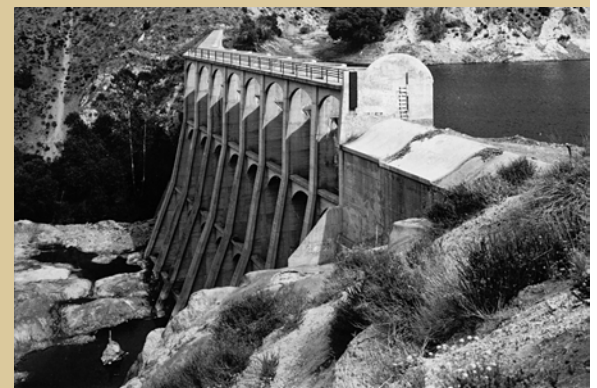
32700 Cheseboro Road  
Palmdale, CA 93352  
(661) 533-1923  
[www.littlerockdam.org](http://www.littlerockdam.org)

*Great for day use, camping,  
boating, fishing, and swimming!*

The Littlerock Dam was built to serve the irrigation needs of the orchards in the Littlerock area. Financing and construction of the Littlerock Dam began on Littlerock Creek in August of 1922 and took two years to complete.

The Dam is an Eastwood cement, multiple-arch buttress dam and is one of several built in the Western United States. At a height of 175 feet, it was the highest reinforced concrete, multiple arch dam in the world! However, in 1932, the State declared Littlerock Dam an unsafe structure and ordered renovations. Renovations and repairs were made to the dam and by 1940, the reconstruction of Littlerock Dam was complete.

Today, Littlerock Dam is considered a historical architectural monument. Over the years, this area has served as a popular retreat and year-round recreational facility for fishing, swimming, off-road vehicles, boating, and equestrian trails. There are also some charming, rustic lake-view cabins for rent at Littlerock Dam Lake Resort. For more information, call (661) 533-1923 or visit [www.littlerockdam.org](http://www.littlerockdam.org).





# Recreational Opportunities

## Vasquez Rocks Natural Area and Nature Center

10700 Escondido Canyon Road  
Agua Dulce, CA 91390  
(661) 268-0840  
Fax: (661) 268-1343

<b>Park Hours:</b>	March - October,	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	November - February,	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
<b>Nature Center Hours:</b>	Daily,	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	(closed Christmas Day)	

This 932-acre park near Agua Dulce Springs features spectacular rock formations, Tataviam Indian sites, and a seasonal stream, and is a popular hiking, picnicking, and equestrian area. The rock's history began in prehistoric times when the sandstone rocks were uplifted at a picturesque angle, showing their jagged red features. Tiburcio Vasquez, one of California's most notorious outlaws, used these rocks as a hiding place to elude capture by law enforcement. His name has since been associated with this geologic feature.

### Amenities & Activities:

- Animal Presentations
- Equestrian Trails
- Geological Study
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Ranger-led Hikes
- School and Other Group Tours, by Reservation Only
- Seasonal Special Events



Photo: Tiffany Countryman

### Recreation Programs

#### Beginners Hike (Weather Permitting)

January - June  
October - December  
Thursdays  
Fee: No Charge

13 years old and up  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

#### Birds of Prey Presentation (Weather Permitting)

January - June  
October - December  
1st Sunday of each month (except July, August, September)  
Fee: No Charge

All ages  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Ranger Guided Hikes (Weather Permitting)

January - June  
October - December  
2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of each month (except July, August, September)  
Fee: No Charge

All ages  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Star Parties (Weather Permitting)

Date and Time: TBA  
Fee: No Charge

All Ages



Photo: Jack Farley



**Los Angeles County High Desert  
Wildlife Sanctuaries**  
(661) 944-2743  
[www.wildflowers.devils-punchbowl.com](http://www.wildflowers.devils-punchbowl.com)

**Acton Wash Sanctuary**  
Soledad Canyon and Gillespie Avenue

**Alpine Butte Wildlife Sanctuary**  
East Avenue O (between 130th Street East & Longview)

**Big Rock Wash Wildlife Sanctuary**  
East Avenue O (between 115th and 120th Streets East)

**Blalock Wildlife Sanctuary**  
Valyermo Road (south of Avenue W East)

**Butte Valley Wildflower Sanctuary**  
East Avenue I (between 190th and 200th Streets East)



Photo: Gloria Belmontes



Photo: Jack Farley



Photo: Jack Farley



Photo: Bryan Moscardini

## **Desert Pines**

West Avenue G (between 200th and 205th Streets West)

## **Carl O. Gerhardt Wildlife Sanctuary**

240th Street East (between Avenue M and Avenue N)

## **Jackrabbit Flat Wildlife Sanctuary**

Northwest corner of 116th Street East and East Avenue T in Pearblossom

## **Mescal Wildlife Sanctuary**

North of Highway 138 (between 238th and 243rd Streets East and Avenue X)

## **Theodore Payne Wildlife Sanctuary**

235th Street East (between Avenue U and V) a mile north of Highway 18

## **Phacelia Wildflower Sanctuary**

200th Street East and Avenue D



# Recreational Opportunities

## William S. Hart Museum and Regional Park

24151 North San Fernando Road  
Newhall, CA 91321  
(661) 259-0855  
[www.hartmuseum.org](http://www.hartmuseum.org)



In 1921, popular cowboy actor, William S. Hart, purchased a ranch house and surrounding property. He built a 22 room mansion which today houses Hart's collection of western art, Native American artifacts, and early Hollywood memorabilia. Hart lived at the ranch until his death in 1946 and in his will, gave the ranch to the County of Los Angeles to be set aside for the use and enjoyment of the public at no charge. Today, Hart's ranch consists of 265 acres including a western art museum, picnic facilities, and an assortment of animals, including a small herd of bison which were a gift from Walt Disney Studios in 1962.

The Museum boasts an impressive collection of western themed art. It holds oil paintings, watercolors, ink drawings, and bronze sculpture created by such notable artists as Charles Russell, Joe De Young, Charles Christadoro, and Frederic Remington. The Museum also contains a myriad of authentic Native American artifacts along with many of the movie props from the 1920's that Hart collected.

### Special Events

#### Bow-Wows & Meows Pet Fair

October 11, 2009 will be the 9th Annual Bow-Wows & Meows Pet Fair. As a service to the community, this free event brings together pets, pet owners, and homeless animals in need of adoption. Over 700 homeless animals from the L.A. County Animal Shelters were adopted at our last eight fairs!

Numerous vendors of pet foods, supplies, and services participate. Guests can enjoy great "people" food while their pets sample tasty treats! Information/Education booths are set up as well as a raffle. Low-cost vaccines and spay/neuter referrals are available. Pet psychics, photographers, and artists are just some of the unique and creative activities available.

For more information including how to become a vendor or volunteer, please email questions to [info@BowWowsAndMeows.org](mailto:info@BowWowsAndMeows.org) or visit [www.BowWowsAndMeows.org](http://www.BowWowsAndMeows.org).

## Heritage Junction Historic Park

24101 San Fernando Road  
Newhall, CA 91321

**Hours:** Saturday - Sunday: 1:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Kingsberry House is open first Sunday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Heritage Junction Historic Park, located in William S. Hart Park, is open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Heritage Junction includes a museum, the Saugus Train Station, and eight other buildings and attractions that have been relocated in the park including Mogul Steam Engine #1629 once owned by Gene Autry and formerly located at his Melody Ranch. The Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society gives tours of Heritage Junction Historic Park and holds public meetings monthly with a speaker of general historic interest. The Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society maintains a rose garden at the Park of over 300 roses of varieties popular between 1850 and 1950.

For tour information, please contact the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society at (661) 254-1275 or [info@scvhhistory.com](mailto:info@scvhhistory.com) or visit the website [www.scvhs.org](http://www.scvhs.org).



### Historic Attractions

1860	Mitchell Adobe
1865	Newhall Ranch House
1878	Kingsberry House
1887	Saugus Train Station
1890	Pardee House
1900	Mogul Steam Engine #1629
1925	Edison House
1926	Ramona Chapel
1927	Callahan School House



## Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

**Lancaster Station**  
501 West Lancaster Blvd.  
Lancaster 93534  
(661) 948-8466

**Palmdale Station**  
750 East Avenue Q  
Palmdale, CA 93550  
(661) 272-2400



[www.lasd.org](http://www.lasd.org)

### LANCASTER AND PALMDALE STATIONS PROVIDE QUALITY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE

New anti-crime strategies and increased patrol staffing levels in Lancaster, Palmdale, and unincorporated communities in the Antelope Valley have helped the region see a 10 percent reduction in overall crime last year. The 2008 crime statistics in the Antelope Valley are the lowest since 2001.

Under the leadership of Captain Axel Anderson, the communities served by Lancaster Station have seen a dramatic reduction in their overall crime rate. This reduction is a result of the strong bond between the Station and the members of the community. All of the deputies who work at Lancaster Station are on the leading edge of proactive policing and they lead the county in number of calls for service as well as the number of arrests made. The Lancaster Station made 16,278 arrests last year in 2007, a 10 percent increase from 2006 and the highest total for any Station in the County. Lancaster Station has developed several "special teams" of deputies to address specific crime and quality of life issues within the community. They all work toward the common goal of making our community a safer place to live and raise our families. Lancaster's crime-fighting strategies include a Burglary Suppression Team, a Park Safety Patrol program, and a special police squad that focuses on high-profile cases.

Lancaster Station's Community Relations unit is actively involved in the unincorporated areas, and has established several Neighborhood and Business Watch groups. They also partner with several local Churches that offer a variety of programs to the community, including parenting classes and youth sports activities.

Palmdale Station led by Captain Bobby Denham, is happy to announce the newly formed "Lake's Communities" Volunteers on Patrol Group. Deputies from the Palmdale Station recently interviewed over 40 applicants who were interested in helping start the program in the Lake Elizabeth, Lake Hughes, Leona Valley, and Green Valley areas. The interest in the group was sparked during a Town Hall discussion and has since received a great welcoming.

The Volunteers on Patrol program is designed to place Sheriff's Department Civilian Volunteers in their own community to aid the Department in deterring crime through high visibility and identification of public hazards. There are currently two other Volunteers on Patrol groups, which service the Littlerock, Pearblossom, Acton, and Agua Dulce areas. Individuals interested in becoming a part of the program are encouraged to visit [www.PalmdaleVolunteers.com](http://www.PalmdaleVolunteers.com) for further information.



Palmdale Station - Volunteers on Patrol

## Your Home Town County Fire Stations

For emergencies,  
**CALL 9-1-1**



Non-emergency Antelope Valley assistance: **(661) 948-2631**

Los Angeles County Fire Department  
Fire Stations Serving the Antelope Valley:

**Fire Station #24** - Palmdale Headquarters  
1050 W. Avenue P  
Palmdale, CA 93550

**Fire Station #33** - Lancaster Headquarters  
44947 Date Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534

**Fire Station #37** - Palmdale  
38318 9th Street East  
Palmdale, CA 93550

**Fire Station #77** - Gorman Area  
46833 Peace Valley Road  
Gorman, CA 93243

**Fire Station #78** - Elizabeth Lake Area  
17021 Elizabeth Lake Road  
Lake Hughes, CA 95330

**Fire Station #79** - Pearblossom  
33957 Longview Road  
Pearblossom, CA 93553

**Fire Station #80** - Acton  
1533 W. Sierra Highway  
Acton, CA 93510

**Fire Station #81** - Agua Dulce  
8710 W. Sierra Highway  
Agua Dulce, CA 91350

**Fire Station #84** - Quartz Hill Area  
5030 W. Avenue L-14  
Quartz Hill, CA 93536

**Fire Station #92** - Littlerock  
8905 E. Avenue U  
Littlerock, CA 93543

**Fire Station #93** - Palmdale  
5624 East Avenue R  
Palmdale, CA 93552

**Fire Station #112** - Del Sur Area  
8812 W. Avenue E-8  
Lancaster, CA 93535

**Fire Station #114** - Lake Los Angeles  
39939 N. 170th Street East  
Lake Los Angeles, CA 93591

**Fire Station #117** - Lancaster East  
44851 30th Street East  
Lancaster, CA 93535

**Fire Station #129** - Lancaster  
42110 6th Street West  
Lancaster, CA 93534



Los Angeles County Fire Station 136



## NEW VALLEY COUNTY FIRE STATIONS DISPLAY COMMISSIONED ARTWORKS INSPIRED BY ARTIST'S EXPERIENCES WITH FIREFIGHTERS

*Nine original paintings document and commemorate the lives of firefighters.*

Recently dedicated Los Angeles County Fire Stations 93 and 136 feature oil on wood paintings that are the result of artist Jason Greene's week long residency with Los Angeles County firefighters. In the summer of 2008, Portland, Oregon-based artist Jason Greene was chosen to create artworks for Fire Stations 93 and 136 and given the opportunity to be an artist-in-residence for the County Fire Department. After spending full days and nights in Palmdale fire stations and accompanying firefighters on ride-a-longs, Greene created nine oil on wood paintings based on sketches from his residency. Four of his artworks have been installed in Fire Station 93 and five in Fire Station 136.

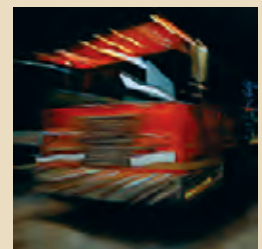
Greene conceived the oil paintings based on sketches, photographs, and memories from his residency. He captured both the extraordinary acts the firefighters accomplish every day as well as the more routine details of their jobs. This juxtaposition intimately documents and commemorates the two extreme aspects of the firefighters' lives.

More information and photos of the paintings may be found at:

[www.lacountyarts.org/civcart/05\\_Fifth\\_District/greene\\_fs93\\_fs136.htm](http://www.lacountyarts.org/civcart/05_Fifth_District/greene_fs93_fs136.htm).



Los Angeles County Fire Station 93



Paintings by Jason Greene



## E . D . I . T . H . (Exit Drills In The Home)

Here are some key fire safety survival tactics parents need to reinforce with their family. By applying E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home) twice a year, you can greatly improve the chances that every member of your family will escape safely from a fire in your home based on knowing what to do in an emergency situation.

### Fire Safety Checklist

**1. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home.** Replace batteries at least twice a year. If bedroom doors are kept closed at night, a detector or should also be installed in each bedroom.

**2. Prepare a home exit plan.** There should be two exits from each room which means one exit could be a window. You may need to purchase chain ladders which would enable your family to exit from a second story window without injury. Such supplies are carried in local hardware and home improvement stores.

**3. At least twice a year, practice a home exit drill with your family.** Make sure your children know to:

- Tell a grown-up if they see smoke or flames
- Get out of the house when they hear the smoke detector
- Know two ways (emergency exits) to exit each room
- Decide on a "safe meeting place" outside the home to account for all persons
- Use a neighbor's phone to call **9-1-1**
- **NEVER** go back into a burning building

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery: Smoke Alarm Safety

The Los Angeles County Fire Department reminds you that a good time to check your smoke alarm and change the batteries is when you change your clocks twice each year in observance of daylight savings time. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, 95 percent of all homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. However, 65 percent of home fire deaths occur in homes with no alarms or no working smoke alarms. Here are some tips on maintaining your smoke alarm:

- Test smoke alarms once a month.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms twice each year.
- Regularly vacuum or dust smoke alarms to keep them working properly.
- Don't disable smoke alarms even temporarily.

## Fallen Heroes Memorial Dedication

On November 8, 2008, a special ceremony was held to unveil the Fallen Heroes Memorial bearing the names of 12 members of fire and law enforcement who made the ultimate sacrifice while performing their duties in service to the Antelope Valley. The Fallen Heroes Memorial is located east of the flagpole at the south entrance of the Antelope Valley Mall, located at 1233 Rancho Vista Boulevard in Palmdale.



The Memorial is the brainchild of Ron Emard, owner of Harley-Davidson of Lancaster and Palmdale Honda dealerships. The Master of Ceremonies was Assistant Fire Chief Mike Metro, whose jurisdiction serves the Antelope Valley. Assistant Chief Metro mentioned there is a deep relationship between the fire service and law enforcement. "Many of us, we grew up together, we went to school together, we dreamed of careers together," said Metro. He added as they went to their respective organizations and reached their goals, they all continued to stand shoulder to shoulder and rely upon each other for their survival.

**Three members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department were honored for their service and sacrifice:**

**Fire Captain Philip B. Goodall**  
(died on 6/23/1968)

**Helicopter Pilot Thomas P. Grady**  
(died on 7/24/1977)

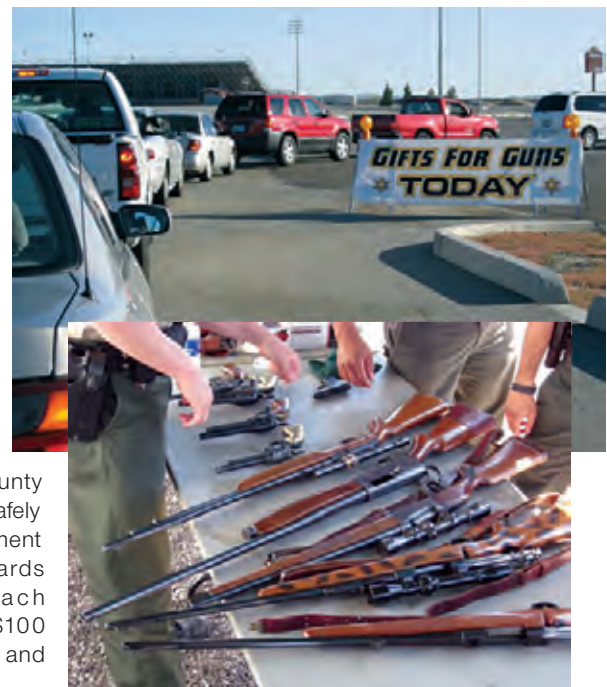
**Fire Captain Daniel E. Elkins**  
(died on 7/13/2004)



## Gifts for Guns" Program in the Antelope Valley

Over two weekends in March and April 2009, the Palmdale and Lancaster Sheriff Stations Deputies converted vacant parking lots into drive-through operations in which individuals were able to anonymously turn in unneeded firearms for gift cards to major retailers in the Antelope Valley. A total of 577 firearms were collected in the Antelope Valley – 313 by the Lancaster Station and 264 by the Palmdale Station.

The "Gift for Guns" program began in 2005 and allows County residents to anonymously and safely turn in firearms to law enforcement at designated events. Gift cards for \$50 were given for each non-operational firearm, \$100 for each operational firearm, and \$200 for each assault weapon.



## Who to Contact for Residential Code Violations in Your Community

Residential Code Violations	Responsible Department	Phone #	Website
<b>Fire Prevention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address not visible from street</li> <li>Accumulation of combustible waste materials adjacent to structures</li> <li>Combustible growth or vegetation within 100 feet of structures in wildlife Urban Interface Areas</li> <li>Overgrown vegetation constituting a fire hazard</li> <li>Overgrown trees within 10 feet of chimney</li> <li>Road / driveway access obstruction</li> <li>Spark arrestor not provided on chimney</li> </ul>	<b>Fire Department</b>  Fire Prevention Division or Jurisdictional Fire Station	<b>(661) 949-6319</b>	<a href="http://fire.lacounty.gov">fire.lacounty.gov</a>
<b>Zoning Code Violations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garage converted into living quarters</li> <li>Junk and salvage on property</li> <li>Inoperable vehicles</li> <li>Occupied mobile homes</li> <li>Occupied recreational vehicles</li> <li>Storage on vacant lots</li> <li>Unpermitted dwelling units, unpermitted structures</li> <li>Unpermitted home-based business</li> </ul>	<b>Department of Regional Planning</b> Zoning Enforcement	<b>(661) 723-4475</b> or <b>(213) 974-6483</b>	<a href="http://planning.lacounty.gov">planning.lacounty.gov</a>
<b>Building Code Violations</b> Substandard Property Conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over grown vegetation</li> <li>Obviously inoperable vehicles</li> <li>Unightly storage of miscellaneous items</li> <li>Debris in yard areas</li> <li>Abandoned accessible structures</li> </ul> Unpermitted Work on Private Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grading, electrical, plumbing, mechanical work without permit</li> <li>Structures built or altered without permits</li> <li>Structurally unsafe buildings or other structures</li> </ul>	<b>Department of Public Works</b> Code Enforcement/ Property Rehabilitation	<b>(661) 723-4440</b>	<a href="http://dpw.lacounty.gov">dpw.lacounty.gov</a>
<b>Noise &amp; Environmental Pollution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complaints from the public about noise, asbestos, and odors (Countywide)</li> </ul>	<b>Department of Public Health</b> Environmental Health	<b>(626) 430-5430</b> <b>(323) 869-7068</b>	<a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh">publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh</a>
<b>Environmental Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead complaints</li> <li>Clean-out cap removed from sewage line</li> <li>Green / unsecured swimming pool</li> <li>Overflowing trash, food waste and rubbish</li> <li>Overgrown vegetation</li> <li>Pack rat, hoarding</li> <li>Plumbing backed-up in occupied residence</li> <li>Sewage overflow</li> <li>Unsafe living conditions (lack of bathing and toilet facilities)</li> <li>Vermin infestation</li> </ul>	<b>Department of Public Health</b> Environmental Health	<b>(661) 723-4533</b> <b>(661) 723-4550</b> <b>(661) 723-4549</b> <b>(626) 430-5380</b>	<a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh">publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh</a>
<b>Animal Care &amp; Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal cruelty: dog fighting, cock fighting, animal poisoning</li> <li>Animals at large/excessive animals</li> <li>Barking dogs</li> <li>Inadequate shelter; injured/sick animal</li> <li>No vaccinations/no license</li> </ul>	<b>Department of Animal Care and Control</b>	<b>(661) 940-4191</b> or <b>(661) 257-3191</b> for Gorman	<a href="http://animalcare.lacounty.gov">animalcare.lacounty.gov</a>
<b>Weed Abatement /Pesticide Use Regulation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeds and brush (flammable vegetation) on vacant parcel within 100 feet of a structure (200 feet in high hazard areas)</li> </ul>	<b>Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures</b>	<b>(661) 723-4488</b>	<a href="http://acwm.co.la.ca.us">acwm.co.la.ca.us</a>



## Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs

Toll-Free Number: (800) 593-8222  
<http://dca.lacounty.gov>

Lancaster Branch: Lancaster Regional Library  
601 W. Lancaster Blvd.  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
**Hours:** Fridays, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (661) 726-7550



## Office of the Los Angeles County Assessor

Lancaster Regional Office  
251 East Avenue K-6  
Lancaster, CA 93535  
**(661) 940-6700**  
<http://assessor.lacounty.gov>

### Scam Alert – No Fee Necessary for Value Reduction

Various private companies are sending mailings to property owners offering services to pursue a reduction in their property taxes. These companies may charge hundreds of dollars to file for a reduction in value on behalf of the property owner. Some companies are even imposing “late fees” if the application is received after an arbitrary deadline.

### Do not get ripped off by these companies!

Be aware that solicitations from private companies offering to pursue a reduction in property taxes must clearly indicate that they are NOT a government agency and that their services are NOT approved or endorsed by any government agency. Failure to provide such notice is a violation of California law. If you or someone you know receives an illegal solicitation, please contact the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs by phone at **(800) 973-3370** or visit <http://dca.lacounty.gov>.

### There is no reason to pay for a review that will be done for free!

Property owners receiving solicitations from legal private companies should be aware that their property may be included in a review the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office is doing in 2009. Over 500,000 single-family houses and condos that were purchased between July 2003 and June 2008 will be reviewed. In some areas, earlier purchases will be reviewed. Homeowners can check <http://assessor.lacounty.gov> to see if their home is part of the review. All 500,000 owners whose homes are reviewed should receive a letter by the end of June 2009 notifying them of the results.

Owners who disagree with the results of the review or who were not included in the review, may file an application from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. A simple-to-complete form is available online at <http://assessor.lacounty.gov/extranet/guides/prop8.aspx> or at the Lancaster Regional Office. Your application will be reviewed and if a reduction is warranted, the taxable value will be reduced. Please note that there is no charge for a review.

## SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY PROGRAM



The Safely Surrendered Baby Program allows a parent of anyone with lawful custody to surrender a newborn child (72 hours or younger) to any firefighter on duty at any fire station in Los Angeles County. The purpose of the law is to protect babies from being hurt or killed because they were abandoned. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, the person may surrender the baby without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment. For more information, visit [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org) or call 1-877- BABY-SAFE.

## Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control

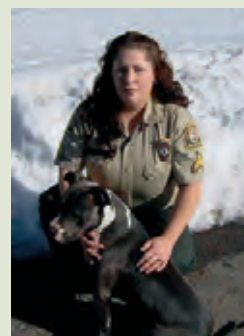
**Lancaster Shelter** (serving the Antelope Valley)  
5210 W. Avenue I  
Lancaster, CA 93536  
**(661) 940-4191**  
<http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>



### AGGRESSIVE DOG TASK FORCE CREATED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY!

Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control has implemented the “Aggressive Dog Task Force” or A.D.T.F. The unit is community based and will target the unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley.

The unit is being led by Officer Megane Eimers, who is a twelve year veteran of the Department. In addition to the Lancaster Shelter, Officer Eimers has worked in the South Central Los Angeles area serving Inglewood, Lennox, Athens, Willowbrook, and



Compton. Her expertise includes aggressive animal intervention, illegal animal fighting enforcement, and humane investigations. The A.D.T.F. will focus on enforcing the “Safe Neighborhood” Program. Organized patrols will be used to remove stray and free-roaming aggressive animals off the street. Officers will use the opportunity to educate the public on responsible pet ownership and issue citations to pet owners with frequent violations. Follow-up calls will be made to individual residences when compliance orders are issued. Residents of the unincorporated Antelope Valley are encouraged to report incidents of aggressive animal behavior in their neighborhood. Reports can be made 24 hours a day by calling **(661) 940-4195**.

## Housing Economic Recovery Ownership (HERO)

The HERO Program is designed to help low and moderate-income, first-time home buyers who want to purchase a foreclosed or abandoned single family home, but who are unable to qualify without financial assistance. This program will provide a secondary (0% interest loan) mortgage for the purchase of a new home, down payment assistance, and rehabilitation grant opportunities. No repayment of loan will be due until home is sold, transferred, refinanced, or no longer owner-occupied. Visit <http://www.lacdc.org/CDCWebsite/HDP/HERO.aspx> for more information.

# Community Resources and Services

## County of Los Angeles Public Library

### Lake Los Angeles Library

16921 East Avenue O, #A

Palmdale, CA 93591

Mary MacTaggart, Community Library Manager

(661) 264-0593

[www.colapublib.org/libs/lakelosangeles](http://www.colapublib.org/libs/lakelosangeles)



#### Hours:

Monday - Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: CLOSED

#### Events:

- Preschool Storytime  
Tuesdays in six-week sessions at 10:30 a.m.
- Toddler Storytime  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- Lake L.A. Anime & Manga Club (Teens)  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
- Family Reading Festivals  
May (Spring) and November (Fall)

### Littlerock Library

35119 80th Street East

Littlerock, CA 93543

Trisha Pritchard, Community Library Manager

(661) 944-4138

[www.colapublib.org/libs/littlerock](http://www.colapublib.org/libs/littlerock)

#### Hours:

Monday – Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: CLOSED

#### Events:

- Game Day  
Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Storytime  
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- Book Club (Adults)  
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

### Quartz Hill Library

42018 N. 50th Street West

Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Marta Wiggins, Community Library Manager

(661) 943-2454

[www.colapublib.org/libs/quartzhill](http://www.colapublib.org/libs/quartzhill)

#### Hours:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: CLOSED

#### Events:

- Family Art Activities and Games  
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- Toddler Storytime  
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- Family Storytime  
Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## Announcing MP3 Audiobooks!

Want to listen to an audiobook from your own computer or mp3 device? The County of Los Angeles Public Library now offers downloadable MP3 Audiobooks and eBooks in our collection! This new format can be used with the iPod™, iPhone™, and virtually any MP3 player. Browse, download, or transfer hundreds of titles to a portable device, PC, or Mac. All you need is a County library card! MP3 Audiobooks can be found at <http://overdrive.colapublib.org>.



### Lancaster Library

601 W. Lancaster Blvd.

Lancaster, CA 93534

Judy Hist, Community Library Manager

(661) 948-5029

[www.colapublib.org/libs/lancaster](http://www.colapublib.org/libs/lancaster)

#### Hours:

Monday - Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sundays: CLOSED

#### Events

- Toddler Storytime  
Mondays at 11:00 a.m. (Pre-registration is required)
- Preschool Storytime  
Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.  
(Pre-registration is required)
- Teen Advisory Board  
1st Monday of month from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Anime Club (Teens)  
4th Wednesday of the month from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please call the local library for more events and information.

## New Library To Serve Acton /Agua Dulce!

The County Library has received State bond funding to build a new library to serve the unincorporated areas of Acton and Agua Dulce. The new 11,343 square-foot building, conveniently located in a commercial area of Acton, will be named the "Acton/Agua Dulce Christopher Colombo Brevidoro Library". It will feature a meeting room for gatherings and educational and cultural programs, a children's area and storytelling space, study space, and public computers. The library's Community Learning Center for homework support and computer training will include a group study room, teen area, and targeted materials to support school assignments. The Acton-Agua Dulce Library is scheduled to open November 2009.



# Community Resources and Services

## Community Standards Districts in the Antelope Valley

Community Standards Districts provide unique land use and zoning regulations for unincorporated areas within the Antelope Valley. On February 24, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved the Elizabeth Lake and Lake Hughes Community Standards District (CSD) after several years of collaborative efforts between The Lakes Town Council, Department of Regional Planning staff, and area residents and property owners. The CSD contains development standards to preserve the rural character of the area, including tailor-made rules for minimum lot sizes, building setbacks, and scenic ridgeline protection. For more information, please contact Marshall Adams at (213) 974-6476 or [madams@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:madams@planning.lacounty.gov).

## Agriculture in the Antelope Valley and the Housing Needs of Farmworkers

The unincorporated Antelope Valley has 165,142 acres of State designated farmland and active agricultural land. Major onion and carrot growers as well as many fruit orchards operate in the Antelope Valley. Crops such as onions and orchard fruits are harvested manually thus increasing the need for farmworkers during the harvest season. The last Census estimated that 1,200 farmworkers live in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Since low wages and high housing costs make it difficult for farmworkers and their families to find adequate, affordable housing, a proposed Farmworker Housing Ordinance will streamline the land use permitting process and help ensure that the County's provisions for farmworker housing are in compliance with the State Employee Housing Act. For more information, visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/farmworker> or call (213) 974-6425.

## Los Angeles County Building Green!



Starting January 2009, the newly adopted Los Angeles County Green Building Program will help achieve goals of environmental sustainability, carbon footprint reduction, and water conservation. The program includes establishing "green" building requirements in the construction of new projects, low impact development techniques, and drought-tolerant landscaping requirements. Green building practices are intended to help:

- Conserve energy;
- Conserve natural resources;
- Conserve water;
- Divert waste from landfills;
- Minimize impacts to existing infrastructure;
- Promote a healthier environment;

For more information visit the project's website at: <http://planning.lacounty.gov/green>.

## Heart Gallery and Adoption Ambassador Program Boosts Adoption Awareness

The National Heart Gallery was started by a social worker in New Mexico in 2001. Frustrated with the quality of the photos she was provided to show prospective parents of available children, she decided to take matters into her own hands and enlisted the help of local professional photographers to shoot high quality pictures of the children. The pictures turned out so beautiful she decided to host an exhibit at a local gallery and showcase them for prospective parents. Eventually Heart Gallery exhibitions began opening all over the country. The Los Angeles County edition of Heart Gallery helps deserving local children find families by teaming up with volunteer professional photographers to create a traveling gallery of photographs, which capture the true beauty and spirit of these children for prospective adoptive parents. Heart Gallery continues to be a huge success in spreading awareness of adoptable children.

In recent months the photo gallery has been displayed at Vince's Pasta & Pizza restaurant in Lancaster and College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita. The owner of the Lancaster restaurant is also a team leader of another program to promote adoptions called the Adoption Ambassador Program which the Department of Children and Family Services uses to train and utilize adoptive parents to recruit other possible adoptive parents in their communities.

For more information on the Heart Gallery Los Angeles, visit [www.heartgalleryla.org](http://www.heartgalleryla.org) and for information on adoption programs, call (888) 811-1121 or visit <http://lacdcfs.org>

## Antelope Valley Senior Center

777 West Jackman Street  
Lancaster, CA 93534

(661) 726-4400

<http://css.lacounty.gov/Cent/Ants>

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



## USER FRIENDLY WEBSITE FOR SENIOR SERVICES

The Los Angeles County Department of Community and Senior Services and City of Los Angeles have collaborated to create Network of Care (<http://losangeles.networkofcare.org/aging>), a comprehensive, Internet-based community resource for the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as their caregivers and service providers.

This easy-to-use Website provides an extensive directory and offers vital information about diseases, medications and treatments, assistive devices and caregiving, care management issues, consumer advocacy and protection, as well as daily news from around the world concerning aging and disabilities. The website also has a unique, one-stop information tool to help keep personal records, create an online family meeting place, and communicate with elected officials to make your voice heard.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAMILY CAREGIVER PROGRAM

Through the National Family Caregiver Program, caregivers can call (800) 510-2020 to apply for a variety of support services including respite (a break for the caregiver from the daily responsibilities of caregiving), support groups, and counseling. Caregivers eligible for this program are defined as: 1) An adult (18 years of age or older) who provides assistance without pay to a family member who is, in some degree, incapacitated and needs help, or 2) A grandparent, step-grandparent, or other relative age 55 and older, identified as the primary caregiver of a young child.



For more information, call (800) 510-2020 or visit the Community and Senior Services website at <http://css.lacounty.gov>.

# Community Resources and Services

## Local Street Pavement Preservation



The County Department of Public Works was allocated Proposition 1B funds from the State of California for the preservation and rehabilitation of roadways in unincorporated County areas. About \$1.2 million went towards the

preservation of roadways in the Antelope Valley. Selected local roads in the unincorporated areas of Lake Los Angeles, Littlerock, and Sun Village were preserved by “chip sealing” where small sized rock and a special asphalt surface sealer were applied to the roadway.

Public Works crews performed the work on approximately 24 lane miles in 2008. The work performed is expected to preserve and extend the life of these local roadways by five to ten years.

## Road Maintenance In The Antelope Valley



The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining over 1,025 miles of major roads and local streets in the unincorporated areas of the Antelope Valley.

They provide a full range of road services, including street sweeping, pothole patching, and tree

trimming. To request these services, please call **(661) 947-7173** or go online to <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/Resident/> and fill out a request online.

## Graffiti Removal



To report neighborhood graffiti and request removal, call **(800) 675-HELP**.

A graffiti removal request may also be submitted online with the option to upload photos and check the removal status at: <http://ladpw.org/go/graffiti>.

## Helpful Services and Benefits Website!



[www.LACountyHelps.org](http://www.LACountyHelps.org) provides a safe, secure, confidential way for County residents to research and see if they are potentially eligible for a variety of helpful services and benefits such as Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, Child Care Resources, CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Affordable Housing Programs, Mental Health, and more.

## Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC)

1200 West City Ranch Road,  
Palmdale, CA 93551  
Open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays  
of each month  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The AVECC provides a safe, efficient, convenient place for all Antelope Valley residents to drop off household hazardous and electronic waste for free. Since the opening of the center in August 2005, the center has been utilized to dispose of over 1.7 million pounds of household hazardous and electronic waste. For more information, call **(888) CLEAN-LA** or visit [www.ladpw.org/epd/avecc](http://www.ladpw.org/epd/avecc).

## Antelope Valley Waterworks District Customers Can Receive Money Back on Water-Saving Devices!



A new rebate program is being offered to Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts customers who purchase water-saving devices to reduce water waste both indoors and outside.

Rebate are offered for the following devices:

- Drip irrigation (\$50)
- High-efficiency clothes washers (\$150)
- High efficiency and dual flush toilets (\$150)
- Rotating sprinkler nozzles (\$4 per nozzle)
- Synthetic turf rebate (30 cents per square foot)
- Waterless urinals for businesses (\$150)
- Weather-based sprinkler controllers (\$200 rebate!)

All of the items eligible for rebates can be purchased at local hardware stores and nurseries, including Home Depot, which has partnered with the Districts on their water conservation program. Customers can visit <http://lacwaterworks.org> to learn more or to apply for a rebate.

## Home-Generated Sharps Waste Management Program

“Home-generated sharps waste” includes hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications derived from a household including a multifamily residence or household. State law prohibits disposal of your sharps in the trash. Sanitation and landfill workers or anyone that handles your trash can be injured. Also, leakage may occur from leftover liquid in the sharps and contaminate groundwater, rivers, and the ocean.

Used sharps should be placed in a proper container you can pick up for free at County designated distribution sites including the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) located at 1200 W. City Ranch Road, Palmdale. Another alternative is to place your sharps waste in a container that does not leak, break, or puncture. It must be taped, sealed and labeled “SHARPS”. When your sharps container is full, take it to any of the County’s designated collection sites found at <http://ladpw.org/epd/hhw/sharps>. Antelope Valley sites include free County House hold Hazardous Waste Collection events, the AVECC, and the Antelope Valley Health Center at 335B East Avenue K-6, Lancaster.



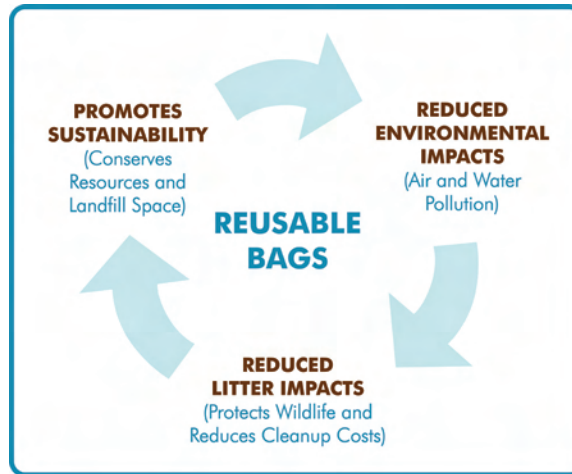
## Join the Country in Reducing Plastic Bag Litter!

Did you know that Los Angeles County residents consume approximately six billion plastic bags each year? The County is committed to reducing the amount of plastic bags that end up along roadways or in storm drains, or make their way to the ocean. While convenient, littered plastic bags are an eyesore and cause harm to land and marine wildlife.

Here are a few simple things that you can do to help the environment:

- Use canvas (or other reusable) bags when shopping.
- Recycle your plastic bags at your nearest grocery store.
- Insist on higher recycled-content paper bags at the market.

Visit [www.bragaboutyourbag.com](http://www.bragaboutyourbag.com) for more information on the County's efforts to reduce plastic bag litter.



## Addressing Methamphetamine Abuse in Los Angeles County: Young Females as Focus of Prevention Collaborative

Methamphetamine abuse in Los Angeles County has increased dramatically in the last few years, becoming the leading cause of admission to substance abuse treatment centers across the County. A powerful, highly addictive drug that affects the central nervous system, methamphetamine's (meth) negative effects include lowered judgment; increase in heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature, and respiration; poor nutrition and weight loss; sleep deprivation; sinus problems; damage to teeth and gums; psychotic behavior; brain and other organ damage; and can lead to stroke and death.

Methamphetamine healthcare communities nationwide are concerned because of the drug's significant increase in use among young women. Since few prevention interventions exist to effectively address meth related issues for young women in the County, the Department of Public Health's Alcohol and Drug Program Administration division has partnered with thirteen community-based organizations to form the Community Methamphetamine Prevention Collaborative. The Collaborative focuses on creating a Countywide plan to assess risks, reinforce ties with schools, develop youth leadership, and conduct community education and outreach projects. The Collaborative has conducted various Town Hall meetings and provided after-school activities, leadership trainings, crisis intervention, and referrals to other community services with the aim of decreasing problems related to meth abuse among high-school females.

Locally, the Alcoholism Council of Antelope Valley provides prevention services in the Antelope Valley for this Collaborative. The Alcoholism Council of Antelope Valley is located at 44815 Fig Avenue, Suite 101, Lancaster, CA 93534 and can be reached at **(661) 948-5046**.

For more information on alcohol and substance abuse prevention, visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/adpa>.



Did you know that you can dial **2-1-1** to access an array of services including information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, code enforcement and many other health and human services resources?

The **2-1-1** information service is **FREE** and provided in many languages. **2-1-1** is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential.

If you are unable to access **2-1-1** directly, please call **(800) 339-6993** or visit the **2-1-1** LA County website at [www.211LA.org](http://www.211LA.org).

**NOTE:** In case of an emergency, you must dial **9-1-1**.

### Do your part to protect yourself and your family during an emergency!

Prepare an emergency kit that includes the following 10 items.

#### 10 Essential Items:

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Water                      | 6. First Aid Kit |
| 2. Food                       | 7. Medicine      |
| 3. Cash & Important Documents | 8. Radio         |
| 4. Clothes                    | 9. Toiletries    |
| 5. Flashlight                 | 10. Tools        |

For more emergency preparedness information, call the LA County Public Health Emergency Preparedness hotline at **(866) 999-LABT** or visit [www.labt.org](http://www.labt.org).

## Smart Business Recycling Site Visit

The Smart Business Recycling Program is designed to help businesses reduce the amount of trash they generate and throw away – practices that will save your company money, conserve landfill space, and protect the environment. The program offers **FREE** on-site waste evaluations with recommendation to assist business owners and managers with enhancing their management of solid waste, and possibly reducing their waste disposal costs as well.

Businesses can request a **FREE** evaluation and obtain other solid waste and recycling information by visiting [www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com).

# 2009 Antelope Valley At-A-Glance Telephone and Website Directory

**2-1-1 LA County Information**.....2-1-1  
[www.211LA.org](http://www.211LA.org) or (800) 339-6993

**Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures**  
<http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>

Bee Complaints.....(800) 233-9279  
Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints.....(800) 665-2900  
Plant Disease Information.....(562) 940-7236  
Weed and Brush Abatement/Removal.....(626) 575-5484  
Utility Meter (gas, water, electric); .....(800) 665-2900  
Food Scale (markets, delis, etc.); and  
Packaged Goods (short weight, count,  
measure, etc.) Inspection and Complaints

**Air Quality Concerns**.....(800) 288-7664  
[www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) or (800) CUT-SMOG

**Animal Care and Control**  
[animalcare.lacounty.gov](http://animalcare.lacounty.gov)  
Lancaster Shelter (Main Hotline).....(661) 940-4191  
(Licensing, emergencies, spay/neuter clinic, lost pets)

**Arts Commission, LA County**.....(213) 202-5858  
[www.lacountyarts.org](http://www.lacountyarts.org)

**Board of Supervisors**  
<http://bos.co.la.ca.us>  
Board Meetings, agendas, recordings, and transcripts  
5th District Antelope Valley Field Office.....(661) 726-3600

**Building Permits** (Residential/Business).....(661) 723-4440  
<http://ladpw.org/bsd/permitinfo>

**Business License** (unincorporated).....(661) 723-4492  
or (213) 974-2011  
[http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/Business\\_License.htm](http://ttc.lacounty.gov/Proptax/Business_License.htm)

**Chambers of Commerce**  
Acton.....(661) 269-5785  
Antelope Valley (Lancaster).....(661) 948-4518  
AV Black.....(661) 946-8780  
AV Hispanic.....(661) 538-0607  
Lake Los Angeles.....(661) 264-2786  
Littlerock.....(661) 944-6990  
Palmdale.....(661) 273-3232  
Pearblossom.....(661) 944-2564  
Quartz Hill.....(661) 722-4811  
Sun Village.....(661) 944-2341

**Children Services**  
Child Abuse Hotline (24-Hour).....(800) 540-4000  
<http://lacdcfs.org>  
Child Care Hotline (CalWORKs).....(877) CHILD-99  
[www.ladpss.org/dpss/child\\_care](http://www.ladpss.org/dpss/child_care)  
Child/Spousal Support.....(323) 890-9800  
[cssd.lacounty.gov](http://cssd.lacounty.gov)

**Code Enforcement** (To report violations).....(213) 974-6453  
[planning.lacounty.gov/zoneViolation.htm](http://planning.lacounty.gov/zoneViolation.htm) or 2-1-1

**Community Development Commission, LA County**.....(323) 890-7001  
[www.lacdc.org](http://www.lacdc.org)

**Consumer Affairs** (Main Hotline).....(800) 593-8222  
[dca.lacounty.gov](http://dca.lacounty.gov)  
Lancaster Branch Library (Fridays).....(661) 726-7550

**Courthouse, Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley**  
42011 4th Street West.....(661) 974-7200  
Lancaster, CA 93534  
[www.lasuperiorcourt.org/Locations/Antelope.aspx](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org/Locations/Antelope.aspx)

**Domestic Violence Hotline** .....(800) 978-3600  
<http://da.lacounty.gov/domv.htm>

**Employment**  
County of Los Angeles Job Hotline.....(800) 970-5478  
<http://dhr.lacounty.info>  
WorkSource (for job seekers/employers).....(888) 226-6300  
[www.worksourcecalifornia.com](http://www.worksourcecalifornia.com)  
Antelope Valley One-Stop Career Center.....(661) 726-4128  
[www.av.worksource.ca.gov](http://www.av.worksource.ca.gov)

**Environmental Health**  
[LApubhealth.org/eh](http://LApubhealth.org/eh).....(888) 700-9995  
Food Inspections.....(661) 723-4533 or (626) 430-5380  
Housing Inspections.....(818) 902-4470 or (626) 430-5380  
Insect/Vector Control Program.....(626) 430-5450

**Fire Department - Emergencies**.....9-1-1  
[fire.lacounty.gov](http://fire.lacounty.gov)  
Non-Emergency Information.....(661) 948-2631  
Fire Prevention Office.....(661) 949-6319  
Lancaster City Hall Office.....(661) 723-6000

**Freeway Roadside Service** (from cell phones only).....3-9-9

**Garbage/Waste Collection**  
Waste Management, Inc.....(661) 947-7197  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

**Gardening Workshops** [www.smartgardening.com](http://www.smartgardening.com)

**Graffiti Removal Hotline**.....(800) 675-4357  
<http://ladpw.org/go/graffiti>

**Hospitals/Health Centers**  
[www.ladhs.org](http://www.ladhs.org)  
Antelope Valley Health Center.....(661) 524-2005  
Antelope Valley Hospital (non-County).....(661) 949-5000  
Antelope Valley Public Health.....(661) 723-4526  
High Desert Health System.....(661) 948-8581  
Lake Los Angeles Community Clinic.....(661) 945-8444  
Lancaster Community Hospital (non-County).....(661) 948-4781  
Littlerock Community Clinic.....(661) 945-8508  
South Antelope Valley Health Center.....(661) 948-8581



**Housing Authority**.....(800) 731-4663  
[www.lacdc.org](http://www.lacdc.org)

**Illegal Dumping Hotline**.....(888) 838-6746  
<http://ladpw.org/epd/illdump>

**Juror Services**.....(213) 974-5811  
[www.lasuperiorcourt.org/jury](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org/jury)

#### Libraries

[www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org)  
 Antelope Valley Bookmobile.....(661) 948-8270  
 Lake Los Angeles Library.....(661) 264-0593  
 Lancaster Regional Library.....(661) 948-5029  
 Littlerock Library.....(661) 944-4138  
 Quartz Hill Library.....(661) 943-2454

**L.A. County Police**.....(800) 834-0064  
 (For incidents related to County Parks or facilities)

**LA County Public Information Office**.....(213) 974-1311  
[www.lacounty.gov](http://www.lacounty.gov)

**Mental Health Hotline**.....(800) 854-7771  
[dmh.lacounty.gov](http://dmh.lacounty.gov)

**Nuisance Abatement Team (NAT)**.....(661) 723-4440  
 (For multiple code violations)

**Ombudsman**.....(800) 801-0030  
[ombudsman.lacounty.info](http://ombudsman.lacounty.info)

#### Parks (Local)

[parks.lacounty.gov](http://parks.lacounty.gov)  
 Acton Park (North Agency).....(661) 294-3500  
 Apollo Park.....(661) 940-7701  
 Everett Martin Park (information).....(661) 294-3500  
 George Lane Park.....(661) 722-7780  
 Jackie Robinson Park.....(661) 944-2880  
 Pearblossom Park.....(661) 944-2988  
 Stephen Sorensen Park.....(661) 264-1249

#### Property Taxes

<http://lacountypropertytax.com>  
 Recorded Information - 24 hours.....(888) 807-2111  
 Assessor – Lancaster Office.....(661) 940-6700  
[assessor.lacounty.gov](http://assessor.lacounty.gov)

#### Public Social Services

[dpss.lacounty.gov](http://dpss.lacounty.gov)  
 Lancaster Office.....(661) 723-4021  
 In-Home Supportive Services.....(661) 723-4288

#### Public Works

[dpw.lacounty.gov](http://dpw.lacounty.gov)  
 Building and Safety (AV Office).....(661) 723-4440  
<http://ladpw.org/bsd>  
 Other Public Works Emergencies.....(800) 675-4357  
 Road Maintenance.....(661) 947-7173  
 Sewer Maintenance.....(661) 942-6042  
 Traffic and Lighting Maintenance.....(800) 675-4357  
 Waterworks.....(661) 942-1157

#### Recycling Programs

Residential Recycling.....(888) CLEAN-LA  
<http://ladpw.org/epd/Recycling>  
 Household Hazardous Waste.....(888) CLEAN-LA  
<http://ladpw.org/epd/hhw>  
 Smart Business Recycling.....(888) CLEAN-LA  
[www.businessrecycling.com](http://www.businessrecycling.com)

**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk**.....(800) 815-2666  
[www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

Lancaster District Office.....(661) 945-6446  
 (Voter information, marriage licenses, birth/death records,  
 real estate recording, notary oaths)  
 Register to Vote.....(800) 481-VOTE

**Safe Surrender Hotline**.....(877) BABY-SAFE  
<http://babysafela.org> (877) 222-9723

#### Senior Services

[css.lacounty.gov](http://css.lacounty.gov)  
 Antelope Valley Senior Center.....(661) 726-4400  
 Adult Protective Services.....(213) 351-5401  
 Elder Abuse Hotline.....(877) 477-3646  
 Nursing Home/Assisted Living.....(800) 330-5993

#### Sheriff Stations

[lasd.org](http://lasd.org)  
 Lancaster Station.....(661) 948-8466  
 Palmdale Station.....(661) 272-2400

**Traffic Enforcement/Investigation** (California Highway Patrol)  
[chp.ca.gov](http://chp.ca.gov).....(661) 948-8541

#### Transportation

Access Paratransit Info.....(800) 827-0829  
[www.asila.org](http://www.asila.org)  
 Antelope Valley Transit Authority.....(661) 945-9445  
[www.avta.com](http://www.avta.com)  
 Dial-A-Ride (Senior shared - ride service).....(661) 945-9445  
[www.avta.com](http://www.avta.com)  
 Metrolink.....(800) 371-LINK  
[www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com)

#### Utilities

Southern California Edison.....(800) 655-4555  
[www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com)  
 Southern California Gas Company.....(800) 427-2200  
[www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com)

**Victim-Witness Assistance Program**.....(213) 974-7499  
<http://da.lacounty.gov/vwap>

#### Zoning Information (Regional Planning)

Lancaster Field Office.....(661) 723-4475  
<http://planning.lacounty.gov>

# What's New in the Antelope Valley

## "California's Renewable Energy Capital"

The Greater Antelope Valley, located in Los Angeles and Kern Counties in the Greater Mojave Desert, is well on its way to becoming the cradle of manufacturing for Southern California's renewable energy projects. With thriving solar and biofuel projects underway, substantial markets nearby, and an established manufacturing base, the Antelope Valley is an ideal location for manufacturers in the renewable energy industry.

### Solar Energy

In June 2008, Southern California Edison signed a contract to procure an additional 245 megawatts of solar power for its customers from eSolar in the nation's first commercial effort using power tower solar thermal technology. This new solar power technology uses heliostats (specialized mirrors) to focus sunlight on towers containing water. The water is heated by the sunlight and turned into steam, which powers turbines and generates electricity. At least three of these solar power plants are expected to be built in the Antelope Valley. The project is expected to begin delivering energy in 2011, with a total of 105 megawatts of renewable solar power by 2012, ramping up to 245 megawatts by 2013.

Los Angeles County also recently unveiled an online solar mapping program that will allow homeowners and businesses to determine if their properties are good candidates for solar power. By typing in an address, a person will learn the property's roof size, area suitable for solar panels, electricity produced, electricity savings, carbon reduction, nearby solar installations and case studies, available rebates from utility companies, and information about installers. It is the largest solar map in terms of geographic area in the world, covering 3,000 square miles. Visit the website at <http://lacounty.solarmap.org>.

### Biofuel Energy

In July 2008, the Los Angeles County Planning Commission approved a proposal by BlueFire Ethanol to build the nation's first commercial ethanol production plant which will create energy by converting yard trimmings, paper, wheat straws, and other green wastes into ethanol fuel. The facility will be built in Lancaster and was selected as an ideal location because biofuel material, including woodchips, grass cuttings, and other organic waste, already passed by the property while en route to an adjacent landfill. The plant will also use reclaimed water and lignin, a byproduct of the production process, in order to produce its own electricity and steam.

# United States Census 2010

**The Census is coming in 2010!  
Be Counted!**

Los Angeles Regional Office  
Serving Southern California: (800) 992-3530  
[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

**It's important** – Spending just a few minutes to fill out your census form will help ensure the Antelope Valley receives its fair share of Federal and State funding and is crucial to planning decisions that affect your community. Census data is used to determine funding for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and much more. The data is also used to define districts and important planning boundaries.

**It's confidential** – Your responses are protected by law and take only a few minutes to answer and return by mail. The Census Bureau will mail or deliver questionnaires to your house in March 2010. Households that do not respond to a second notice will be called or visited by a Census worker. Census workers can be identified by a Census badge and tag. All Census Bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to jail terms, fines, or both, for disclosing any of your personal information.

For More information, please call (800) 992-3530  
or visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

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